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Supervisor Weishan Demands Action to Replace Lead Laterals

MILWAUKEE – County Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., put forth and won support for two proposals to address lead poisoning in Milwaukee County during the Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee Wednesday.

"It's about time that local government took action to address the lead crisis in our community. I've been urging action on lead remediation for years, but my appeals seem to have fallen on deaf ears. With this proposal, we're putting real money towards the problem so homeowners can replace the lead laterals to their homes. I thank my colleagues on the Transportation Committee for appreciating the urgency of this issue," said Weishan.

The Transit Committee voted unanimously to approve Supervisor Weishan's <u>resolution</u> to authorize \$550,000 for a loan program available to any Milwaukee County resident, regardless of income, for lead abatement.

Weishan's proposal for a revolving loan fund also requires lead remediation as a condition of the sale of any County-acquired tax-foreclosed properties with known lead contamination.

The Committee also approved a second <u>resolution</u> from Weishan requesting a written report that includes an assessment of the extent of lead pipes, lead service laterals, lead paint, and any other lead-based products in County facilities, an accounting of associated health hazards, and a definition of the protocols for testing for lead in County facilities

Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., represents the 16th District on the Board of Supervisors.

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